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FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS GO INTO EFFECT JULY 19

1. ALL TUNISIAN PRESS JULY 20 CARRIED TUNISIAN
GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING THAT
LIBYA AND TUNISIA EXCHANGED PREVIOUS DAY INSTRUMENTS
OF RATIFICATION FOR TWO FINANCIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS
WHICH HAD BEEN SIGNED ON NOVEMBER 20, 1973. FIRST
AGREEMENT INVOLVES LOAN VALUED AT 15 MILLION TD
(\$35 MILLION) FOR FINANCING "CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS IN TUNISIA." SECOND ACCORD IS FOR LIBYAN
PARTICIPATION IN AMOUNT OF FIVE MILLION TD (\$11.7 MILLION)
IN UNNAMED NEW TOURIST AND INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS IN
TUNISIA.

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2. AT CEREMONY MARKING EXCHANGE OF RATIFICATION
INSTRUMENTS, HAMED AMMAR, TUNISIAN MOFA DIRECTOR FOR
INTERNATION COOPERATION, SAID THAT ACCORDS CONSTITUTE
EMPORTANT STEP IN EVOLUTION AND STRENGTHENING OF
FRATERNAL RELATIONS UNITING TWO COUNTRIES, AND HE EXPRESSED
HOPE THAT THE USEFUL AND FRANK COOPERATION WHICH EXISTS
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED

IN FUTURE. LIBYAN HIGH REPRESENTATIVE IN TUNIS, ABDELHAMID ZENTANI, EMPHASIZED IN HIS RESPONSE THAT BILATERAL COOPERATION DRAWS ITS FORCE NOT ONLY FROM HISTORICAL, RELIGIOUS AND GEOGRAPHIC TIES, BUT ALSO FROM THE FRATERNITY AND PROFOUND FRIENDSHIP WHICH UNITE TWO PEOPLES. ZENTANI WAS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE STRESSED THE WILL OF TWO COUNTRIES TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR NEW STAGES OF USEFUL COOPERATION.

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS RELEASE, AGREEMENTS WENT INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON EXCHANGE OF RATIFICATION INSTRUMENTS JULY 19. EMBASSY WAS UNAWARE THAT ANY SUCH AGREEMENTS WERE RATIFIED BY TUNISIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON FEBRUARY 4, 1974, BUT WE HAVE NO RECORD OF THEM SINCE THEN. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, TERMS OF AGREEMENTS HAVE NEVER BEEN MADE PUBLIC. MULCAHY

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